Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That is the standard width for small roads. 10 feet is sufficient. I do not mean to say that it is sufficiently wide. We shall take up this question along with our programme of widening many other narrow bridges and culverts.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I ask the Government to give some special consideration to this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I shall see to it.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Have Government noted that there is a sharp curve?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I have seen that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know the length of these bridges?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* 8 or 10 feet.

THANNIKKUDOM-MACHAD ROAD—CONSTRUCTION OF

65. Mr. K. R. Viswambaran *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the contents of an article under caption "Thannikkudom-Machad road" appearing in the "Progress" dated 19th October 1940 (page 6)

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any action has been taken in the matter;

(*c*) when was the proposal to connect Trichur with Machad first considered by the Government;

(*d*) what is the approximate estimate of expenditure for the proposed road;

(*e*) whether the Government is in a position to say that the work will be attended to in 1117?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes; the Government intend to place the subject before the next Road Board.

(*c*) In 1106.

(*d*) Rs. 31,000.

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(e) A definite assurance cannot be given. The work will be referred to the next Road Board.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Government have passed any orders to refer the matter to the next Road Board, after the expiry of the present Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No orders have been passed. This matter will be placed before the new Board. It is not necessary for the Government to refer every road proposal to the Board.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is possible that by an oversight it might be left out.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Then, it must be concluded that the work is not very important.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Is the amount of Rs. 31,000 to be used for the Vypeen-Pallippuram road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This amount was alloted for the construction of the Machad road by the Road Board. That proposal was abandoned and the amount was transferred for the Vypeen-Pallippuram road.

CINEMA FILM—"GNANAMBIKA"—PROSCRIPTION OF

66. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have noted the obscene and immoral scenes screened in the Malayalam film "ജ്ഞാനാംബിക" released recently;

(b) whether the story and actors have depicted a very bad picture of Malayalee home life;

(c) whether the Government be pleased to order the stopping of the screening of these pictures in the State and also to take steps to stop screening elsewhere?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):*

(a) and (b) There has been no complaint that the film contains objectionable scenes.

(c) No reply is necessary in view of answer to (a) and (b).

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